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Applicant : Alain GANTIER

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Title : MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING

AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR,

SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 27, 2006

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated March 27, 2006, for which Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for two months, from June 27, 2006 to Monday, August 28, 2006, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.